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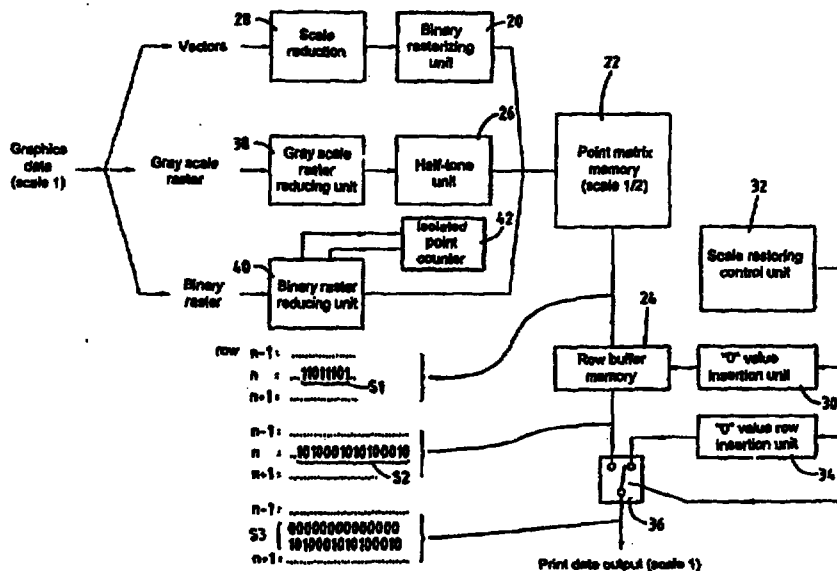


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(57) Abstract

The invention provides a method of printing rasterized images while economizing print, on the basis of input image data corresponding to a predetermined original format. The method comprises the following successive steps: reducing the input image relative to the original format; on the basis of the reduced-scale image, forming a raster of image points each defining either a point to be printed or a blank point of the rasterized image; enlarging said raster of points to return to the original format by inserting blank image points in the reduced raster by a predetermined filling procedure; and printing the image on the basis of the point raster enlarged to the original format. The invention also provides print apparatus implementing the method.

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